



USS Springfield (SSN 761)

Commander Naval Submarine Forces

Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet

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CDR Peter Miller

Commanding Officer

A native of Watsonville, California, Commander Miller was commissioned through the NROTC program at the University of California, Berkeley, in

1986.

After completing initial Nuclear Power and submarine officer training, he reported aboard the USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729B) at Bangor, Washington, where he completed six strategic deterrent patrols.

Commander Miller next served on the staff of Commander, Submarine Group Eight in Naples, Italy with duties as Battle Group Liaison and Scheduling Officer. Following the Submarine Officer's Advanced Course in Groton, he reported as Navigator and Operations Officer of the newly converted USS KAMEHAMHEA (SSN 642) in Pearl Harbor, Hi. KAMEHAMHEA conducted five special operations deployments to the Western Pacific and earned the Naval Unit Commendation during his tour.

His next assignment was on the staff of COMSUBPAC, Pearl Harbor, Hi as the Special Projects Officer. Following Prospective Executive Officer training in 2001, he reported to USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) as Executive Officer. LOUISVILLE completed an SRA, an Eastern Pacific deployment and a Western Pacific deployment during his tour.

Most recently, he completed two years on exchange with the Royal Australian Navy in Perth, Western Australia. His responsibilities included the weapons certification of COLLINS Class submarines and tactical capability development within the Australian Submarine force. He lives in Groton Connecticut.

Commander Miller is entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4 awards) and other various campaign and unit awards.

United for Freedom

The submarine Springfield (SSN 761) is the fourth U.S. Naval ship to be named in honor of the capital city of Illinois, as well as the city in Massachusetts.

The first Springfield was a stern wheel river steamer built and purchased by the Navy in 1862, and commissioned as a light draft gunboat in January of 1863. Springfield participated through the end of the Civil War largely in routine convoy and patrol service, before being decommissioned in June of 1865. The steamer was sold that August.

The second Springfield (I.D. No. 2575) -- a river steamer built in 1901 -- was chartered from the Delaware River Line in 1918 by the 4th Naval District. Springfield carried freight for nearly a year before being returned to the Delaware River Line and stricken from the Navy list.

The light cruiser Springfield (CL-66), third ship to bear the name, was commissioned in September of 1944. After World War II, she was converted to a Providence-class Terrier guided-missile cruiser, redesignated CLG-7. In the fall of 1973, Springfield returned to Virginia for inactivation and was decommissioned in May of 1974.

- **Builders:** Newport News Shipbuilding Co.; General Dynamics Electric Boat Division
- **Powerplant:** One nuclear reactor, one shaft
- **Length:** 360 feet (109.73 meters)
- **Beam:** 33 feet (10.06 meters)
- **Displacement:** Approx. 6,900 tons (7010.73 metric tons) submerged
- **Speed:** 20+ knots (23+ miles per hour; 36.8+ KPH)
- **Crew:** 13 officers, 121 enlisted
- **Armament:** Tomahawk cruise missiles, VLS tubes (719 and later), MK48 torpedoes, four torpedo tubes